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# A holiday to suit everyone

Are you looking for a holiday combining relaxing narrowboating with adventures on and off the water? One offering traditional 'Olde English' towns, cosmopolitan cities and memorable waterway sights? Then you will love The Warwickshire Ring.

This popular boating route passes a fascinating variety of attractions, from 15th century Warwick Castle, with its dungeons and jousting, to Drayton Manor Theme Park. After a busy day have a relaxing meal at a canalside pub or restaurant.

Whether you enjoy historic houses, family attractions, exploring city sights or just the great outdoors, there is plenty for you on The Warwickshire Ring.

## Olde English Ring

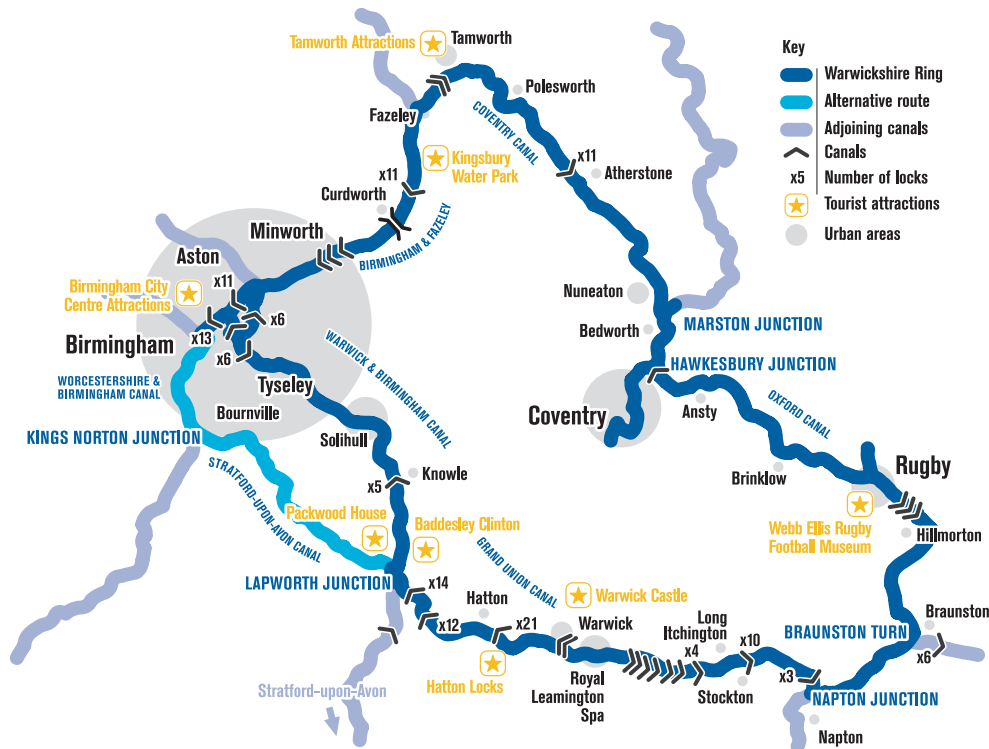
Are you looking for a taste of the England of times past? Then take a trip to **Warwick Castle**, with its amazing re-enactments of 15th century battles (Tel: 0870 442 2000 [www.warwick-castle.co.uk](http://www.warwick-castle.co.uk)), and **Tamworth Castle**, which takes you back to Norman times (Tel: 01827 709626 [www.tamworthcastle.freemuseum.co.uk](http://www.tamworthcastle.freemuseum.co.uk)). Both castles are rumoured to be haunted, so look out for spooky goings on!

Romantics will love medieval **Baddesley Clinton**, a picturesque moated manor house near Knowle. **Packwood House**, near Lapworth, boasts fascinating links with the Civil War and a stunning walled flower garden. For information on both properties, (Tel: 01564 783 294 [www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)).

To get to know one of 'Britain's greatest', William Shakespeare, take a trip to his home town of **Stratford-upon-Avon**. There you can watch his famous plays, tour his birthplace, or just take it easy by the River Avon.

## Wonders of the Canals Ring

The Warwickshire Ring offers adventures including the **Braunston Tunnel**, Rugby's **Newbold Tunnel of Light** and Warwick's **Hatton Locks**, the 'stairway to heaven', with its pretty café.



## Warwickshire Ring Factfile:

- 97 miles • 93 locks
- Average cruising time: 47 hours via Catherine de Barnes route, 54 hours via Kings Norton route

You will be rewarded with some unmissable waterway sights, from **Birmingham's Gas Street Basin**, with waterside pubs and a colourful boating community, to **Braunston's** pretty marina, an inspiration for many canal artists.

### Thrill seekers Ring

Daredevils young and old will love **Drayton Manor Theme Park** in Tamworth, with its white knuckle rides (Tel: 08708 725252 [www.draytonmanor.co.uk](http://www.draytonmanor.co.uk)). Names like Apocalypse and Storm Force 10 tell you all you need to know! Younger children will enjoy the family rides and zoo.

Everyone can learn to ski at **Tamworth Snowdome**, which boasts real snow all year round (Tel: 08705 000011 [www.snowdome.co.uk](http://www.snowdome.co.uk)). Snow boarding, ice skating and even snowman building are also on offer!

### The Ring Outdoors

If you yearn for peaceful open spaces, head for **Kingsbury Water Park** in North Warwickshire (Tel: 01827 872660). With six hundred acres and thirty lakes it's a great place for walking, fishing and water sports. For other canalside walking routes, see [www.waterscape.com](http://www.waterscape.com). Otherwise how about a relaxing picnic at **All Oaks**, Easenhall Cutting, or **Kingswood Junction**, Lapworth?



**To find out more about The Warwickshire Ring and about canals along the route, please visit or contact:**

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